

Many members will now be aware of Mr Alan Scott's generous offer to sponsor our new Committee Boat. The details of this sponsorship arrangement will be announced at the commissioning ceremony to be held in July. However members may be interested in the following resume' of the project.

The vessel is a 40' Kruger hull powered by twin 250 horsepower volvo TAM60 engines driving through twin disc MG506 transmissions and fitted with Volvo stern drives.

Following the signing of the agreement with Alan Scott, the vessel was taken to W G Porter & Son's slipway at Port Adelaide where extensive refit and refurbishing has been carried out.

The Committee Boat will be known as MISS 5DN and has been equipped with the following:-

- . Onan 6.5 Kva generator set which will provide power for the deep freeze and refrigeration cabinets; 240 volt power outlets on board; and battery charging for the 12 and 24 volt dual battery banks.
- . In addition, it is wired for 240 volt shore power and it should be noted that a shore power isolating transformer is fitted to overcome electrolysis problems as far as other vessels are concerned.
- . We have also installed a system which will enable us to pass cables to a disabled vessel to supply either 24 or 12 volt starting power, which will overcome the difficulty of trying to pass batteries in heavy conditions.
- . Electronic equipment includes 24 mile radar, HF radio, VHF radio, 27 meg radio, direct link radio to 5DN newsroom, echo sounder, wind direction and speed indicator, and PA system.

The final cost of the fit-out has considerably exceeded the initial estimates and I would like to thank Alan Scott for his understanding and continued support. Whenever Ian Saffin (Alan's representative on the project) and myself have either met with Alan or phoned him he has given a sympathetic ear to our proposal and given approval for that further expenditure. By way of example, when discussing the installation of the HF radio, John Moffatt of ICS pointed out that there would be some difficulty in establishing good quality transmissions to Adelaide Radio for land line relay to 5DN for progress results for, say, the Port Lincoln Race. We discussed this with Alan and he gave the approval to purchase a 135 watt set at twice the cost of what we were originally going to install.

In the agreement, MISS 5DN, in addition to the direct Squadron activities, will be used to support other yachting activities. Such events as Port Line Cup, Olympic trials, national or world titles will be supported and with the equipment fitted will enhance the publicity of yachting in general, which in turn, I believe, will be excellent PR for the RSAYS. The Management of 5DN have indicated a keenness to take every opportunity where appropriate to conduct outside broadcasts relating to boating activities.

It is part of the lease agreement that when MISS 5DN is not scheduled for active duty with the Squadron, she will be available for use by the Scott Group of Companies.

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